

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2009**

**201 Shore Road
Stillwater Building
Northfield, New Jersey**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Chairman James Curcio at 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date at the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chairman Curcio announced that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said Act, has been provided to The Press, the Mainland Journal, posted on the bulletin boards at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.

PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was led by Freeholder Frank Giordano followed by the flag salute led by Freeholder Chairman James Curcio.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: **PRESENT:** Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton, and Curcio. **ABSENT:** None.

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 2, 2009

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 2, 2009, minutes.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

PRESENTATION

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Schroeder seconded a motion to modify the agenda to open the floor to Sheriff Balles regarding the restored Canine Unit.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Sheriff Balles and staff reported on the Sheriff's Canine Unit.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT WITH FOP LODGE #112

Freeholder Russo moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to enter into a Collective Negotiations Agreement with FOP Lodge #112 for a four-year period commencing January 1, 2009.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 55 GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Garrett seconded a motion to accept a grant from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program for grant funding in the amount of \$369,858.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to

**BID CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL
FOOD FOR ANIMAL SHELTER**

award a bid contract to William Butterhof, T/A Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply, lowest responsible bidder, for furnishing and delivering animal food to the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an amount not to exceed \$24,004.15.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 57
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of State Police, for Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for an amount not to exceed \$7,501.17.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 58
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM FUNDS**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Giordano seconded a motion to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of State Police, for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program funds for an amount not to exceed \$24,256.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 59
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
PER CAPITA STATE LIBRARY
AID FUNDS**

Freeholder Cooper moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education, State Library for Per Capita State Library Aid Funds for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 60
AGREEMENTS FOR DRUG
AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION
AND PREVENTION SERVICES**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Cooper seconded a motion to enter into agreements with various Atlantic County municipalities for drug and alcohol education and prevention services for a total amount for all contracts not to exceed \$300,280.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 61
ACCEPTANCE OF A
DONATION OF POLICE
CANINES**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to accept a donation of Police Canines from Robert Stevens and Daniel Harper.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 62
COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS
AGREEMENT WITH PBA#77
SUPERIOR OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION**

Freeholder Sutton moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into a collective negotiations agreement with PBA #77 Superior Officers Association (SOA) for a four-year period commencing January 1, 2007.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 63
REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE
ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE
TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Sutton seconded a motion to reappoint Howard Berchtold, Jr.; Levon (Lefty) Clayton; Mike Corbo; Oscar Dutch, Jr.; James Garth, Sr.; R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.; Vincent J. Jones, III; Amor (Skip) Portale; Whitey Swartz; Joseph Ward and Gilbert Zonge to the Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board for terms to expires on August 1, 2009.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM
RESOLUTION NO. 53**

Freeholder Giordano moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to reaffirm Resolution No. 53 supporting the Aviation Research Park.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Cooper, Dase, Garrett, Giordano, McDevitt, Russo, Schroeder, Sutton and Curcio. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Curcio opened the Freeholder Meeting to the public at 4:59 p.m.

Sheriff Frank Balles stated that he or a representative of his office will attend the Freeholders meetings. Steve Jackson, Chief of Staff, spoke about the R.E.A.L. Program (Brochure enclosed).

There were no further comments. Chairman Curcio closed the public portion at 5:03 p.m.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS

Freeholder Russo distributed a year to date breakdown of the Open Space Taxes.

Freeholder Dase spoke regarding the impact of traffic congestion on Jim Leeds Road. There is a need for a full parkway interchange at this location. The New Jersey Pinelands Commission's mapping modifications places the interchange in jeopardy. Freeholder Dase proposed a Resolution for the next Freeholder Meeting regarding an Interchange at Exit 44.

Freeholder Jim Schroeder spoke regarding the Pineland's Ecology Integrity Assessment . This will have a significant impact on what people can do with their property. The changes are difficult to understand and meeting notifications are not good. There needs to be notification to residents whose properties are affected both beneficially and adversely.

Chairman Curcio spoke regarding the proposed Resolution for Exit 44. The resolution should be comprehensive including notice by lot and block number, public hearings and a before and after map. Chairman Curcio also would like to obtain information on what is going on in the Highlands in North Jersey.

Freeholder Joseph McDevitt encouraged town hall meetings.

**WRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was written correspondence for the period of January 28, 2009 to February 3, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Curcio called for adjournment of the Freeholder Meeting. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris, Clerk